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Application of :
ARNOLD, James E. :
Serial No. 09/505,803 : Group Art Unit - 3726
Filed: February 17, 2000 : Examiner: COMPTON, E
For: METHOD FOR FORMING METAL: Docket No. RAG-021400
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SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS :

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Response

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In Response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2002, applicant amends his
application as follows:

In the Claims:

Attached hereto is a clean version of the claims rewritten by this response. Kindly amend
claims 17, 25 and 27 by rewriting them in amended form as follows:

17) (Thrice Amended) A method of forming a metal product having a cutting edge
having a wear resistant surface, comprising the steps of: forming a workpiece substrate
having a cutting edge portion; performing a high-density coating process to coat at least